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RADIO

(1) CBS RADIO "WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP," TOWNSEND AND BERNARD  
KALB:

TOWNSEND: "SECRETARY KISSINGER TODAY IS HEADING FOR  
EUROPE. THE FIRST STOP WILL BE OSLO, NORWAY, WHERE HE'LL  
ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS.  
BERNARD KALB TELLS US THAT KISSINGER WILL BE VIEWED THERE  
IN A NEW LIGHT."

KALB: "FOR KISSINGER, IT WILL BE AN UNUSUAL ROLE: A SECRE-  
TARY OF STATE WITHOUT THE OLD CLOUT. HE USED TO TURN UP AT  
NATO AS THE SYMBOL OF CONTINUITY OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY.  
THIS TIME, HE TURNS UP AS THE SYMBOL OF CONTROVERSY OVER  
FOREIGN POLICY IN THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN. AND THE INTERVIEWS  
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HE'S GIVEN RECENTLY ARE SEEN AS A VIRTUAL SELF-PORTRAIT OF

AN EMERGING LAME-DUCK SECRETARY. AIDES CLOSE TO HIM SAY HE IS SIMPLY GETTING THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE WHITE HOUSE BECAUSE OF PRESIDENT FORD'S SCRAMBLE WITH RONALD REAGAN FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION.

"SO KISSINGER AT THIS NATO MEETING MAY VERY WELL BE REGARDED AS AN OBJECT OF CURIOSITY, THE MAN ONCE DESCRIBED AS 'THE WIZARD OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY' NOW SEEN AS A CALENDAR WATCHER, WONDERING WHAT'S AHEAD. AS FOR THE NATO MEETING, THE DIPLOMATS WILL BE DISCUSSING FAMILIAR THEMES SUCH AS EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND SOVIET MILITARY STRENGTH. PLUS A NEW CONCERN -- WHETHER COMMUNISTS WILL BE ELECTED TO SHARE POWER IN WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS, AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH A DEVELOPMENT ON WESTERN DEFENSE VIS-A-VIS THE RUSSIANS."

(2) WTOP RADIO, BOHANNON AND MARVIN KALB:

BOHANNON: "RONALD REAGAN HAS RECENTLY BEEN QUITE CRITICAL OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND SOME OF HIS FOREIGN POLICIES. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THAT CRITICISM HAS RESULTED IN A CHANGE IN THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULED COURSE OF ACTION, AS REPORTED BY . . . MARVIN KALB:

KALB: "KISSINGER HAS CANCELLED TWO SPEECHES IN CALIFORNIA BEFORE THE JUNE 8 PRIMARY IN THAT STATE. HIS SPOKESMAN, ROBERT FUNSETH, SAID THE SECRETARY MADE THAT DECISION 'IN KEEPING WITH HIS CONVICTION THAT HIS OFFICE IS NON-POLITICAL.' FUNSETH SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE WHITE HOUSE HAD HAD A HAND IN THAT DECISION, BUT THE IMPRESSION WAS LEFT HERE THAT THE SECRETARY WAS ENCOURAGED TO STAY AWAY FROM CALIFORNIA ON THE ASSUMPTION APPARENTLY THAT HIS APPEARANCES THERE MIGHT END UP HURTING THE PRESIDENT AND HELPING RONALD REAGAN.

"THE SECRETARY WAS INVITED TO SPEAK BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO, AND THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF LOS ANGELES. THESE SPEECHES WOULD HAVE BEEN IN LINE WITH MANY OTHERS KISSINGER HAS DELIVERED AROUND THE COUNTRY. NOW, HOWEVER, KISSINGER HAS BECOME SO MUCH OF A POLITICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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ISSUE -- PERHAPS EVEN A POLITICAL LIABILITY TO PRESIDENT FORD -- THAT KISSINGER HAS DECIDED TO STRIKE AN UNCHARACTERISTICALLY LOW PROFILE, AT LEAST FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE PRIMARY SEASON."

WIRES:

ONLY REUTER HAD MORNING CURTAIN RAISER; ITEM FOLLOWS.

REUTER (NELSON FROM WASHINGTON) -- "SECRETARY KISSINGER LEAVES .. TO ATTEND A NATO MEETING THAT FACES THE DELI-

CATE PROBLEM OF A POSSIBLE COMMUNIST VICTORY IN NEXT MONTH'S ITALIAN ELECTIONS. U.S. OFFICIALS SAID CONTINGENCY PLANS ON THE NATO RESPONSE TO COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAD NOT YET BEEN DRAWN UP, BUT WERE ALREADY BEING DISCUSSED. . . DR. KISSINGER HAS REPEATEDLY WARNED . . THAT A MAJOR COMMUNIST ROLE IN ANY NATO GOVERNMENT WOULD INEVITABLY WEAKEN THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO DEFEND SUCH A GOVERNMENT FROM THE SOVIET UNION. HE HAS ALSO ADVANCED A 'DOMINO THEORY' ON THE SPREAD OF COMMUNISM IN EUROPE, SAYING THAT A COMMUNIST VICTORY IN ITALY MIGHT MAKE COMMUNISM MORE RESPECTABLE TO VOTERS IN FRANCE, PORTUGAL OR GREECE.

"HE IS EXPECTED TO SOUND THIS THEME AGAIN BOTH IN HIS FORMAL MEETINGS . . AND IN THE INFORMAL 'CORRIDOR TALKS' WITH EUROPEAN OFFICIALS. DR. KISSINGER LAST MET HIS COUNTER-PARTS IN THE 15-NATION ALLIANCE IN BRUSSELS LAST JANUARY WHEN HE SUMMONED THEM TOGETHER TO HEAR A REPORT ON PROGRESS IN THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. SINCE THEN, . . THE SALT TALKS HAVE RUN AROUND, AND U.S. OFFICIALS ARE NO LONGER TALKING OF HAVING A NEW AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION THIS YEAR.

"THE CURRENT U.S. HOPE, ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS HERE, IS THAT A NEW AGREEMENT WILL BE READY IN TIME TO REPLACE THE CURRENT ACCORD, WHICH EXPIRES IN OCTOBER 1977.

'DR. KISSINGER IS EXPECTED TO REPORT ON PENDING AGREEMENTS FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF AMERICAN MILITARY BASES IN SPAIN, UNCLASSIFIED

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GREECE AND TURKEY. . . DR. KISSINGER IS EXPECTED TO EXPAND THE HORIZON OF NATO SOMEWHAT BY REPORTING ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO AFRICA. HE HAS SAID HE PLANS TO CONSULT WITH AMERICA'S EUROPEAN ALLIES ON A COMPREHENSIVE EFFORT TO AID THE DEVELOPING NATIONS. HE IS ALSO LIKELY TO REPORT ON POSSIBLE FUTURE SOVIET ACTIONS IN AFRICA, FOLLOWING THE STABILIZATION IN ANGOLA.

"ONE PROBLEM FACING THE ALLIANCE IS NOT LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED -- THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, WHICH HAVE ALREADY MADE THEMSELVES FELT IN A HARDENING OF THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE TOWARD THE COMMUNIST WORLD."

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